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PARLIAMENT QUESTION / संसदीय प्रश्न

Sub: PARLIAMENT MATTER: Request for inputs on Rajya Sabha provisionally admitted Unstarred Question No. 199 (Increase in Corona Cases) due for 22.07.2025 -reg.

- (a) *Whether WHO issued warning since during the summer of 2025, there was sudden increase in corona cases in several countries including India;*
- (b) *If so, the details thereof;*
- (c) *Whether special variants like Nimbus and XFG are mainly responsible for the new way of corona; and*
- (d) *If so, the details of the plan of action proposed by Government, including issuing advisories to the State Governments?*

Answer

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- (a) As per the data from WHO COVID-19 Dashboard and GISRS, the number of new COVID-19 cases has been increasing in the last few months of 2025.
- (b) The chart (Figure - 1 & 2) from WHO-GISRS surveillance data shows increase in the % positivity among people tested for COVID-19 from January 2025 to July 2025, in the South-East Asia Region (SEAR) including India. The percent test positivity rate for COVID-19, reported from India is 9.3% (Ref: WHO COVID-19 Dashboard – Figure-3).
- (c) WHO has been currently tracking several SARS-CoV-2 variants. Currently there are no circulating variants of Concern (VOC). Variants of Interest (VOI) – JN.1 (as of December 2024). Variants under Monitoring (VUM) – NB1.8.1, XFG, LP.8.1, XEC, KP.3.1.1 and KP.3 (as of current date). The currently predominantly circulating strains globally as well as in India are the Variants under Monitoring (VUM). The table (Figure-4) (Ref: WHO COVID-19 dashboard) shows the global weekly prevalence of VOI and VUM (May to June 2025, ending 22nd June 2025).
- (d) The number of cases reported state-wise is available from COVID-19 dashboard of MOHFW, Govt. of India (Figure-5). No plan of action proposals/advisories provided or seen on the website of NCDC – MOHFW (Govt. of India) and DHS, Kerala (Govt. of Kerala) for this increase in COVID-19 cases reported by MOHFW and WHO (GISRS). The detail on the exact percentage of variants circulating in India is not updated in DBT-INSACOG consortium website (Weekly Bulletin).



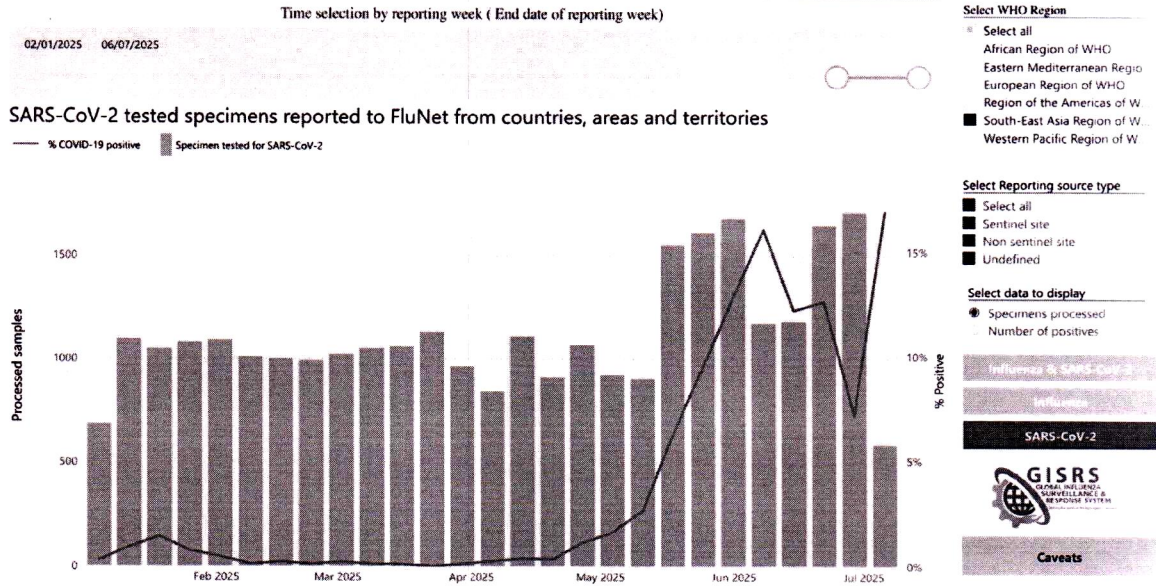


Figure 1

India
Reported COVID-19 cases

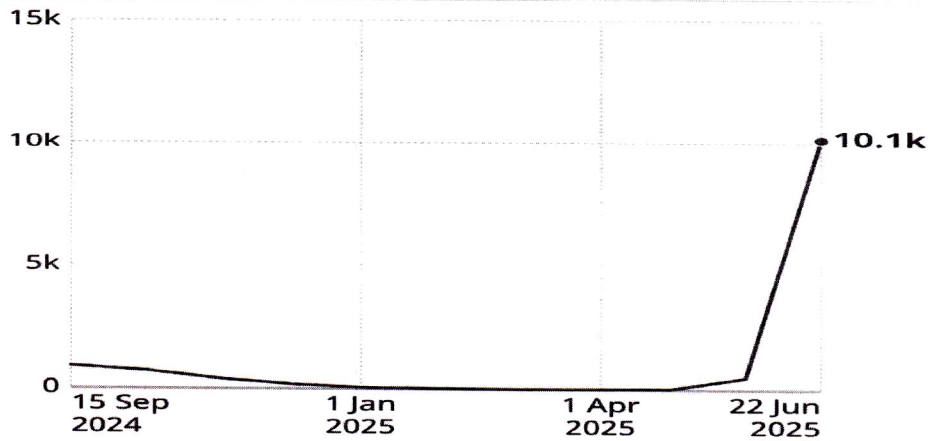
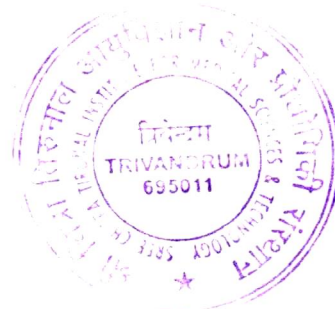


Figure 2



SARS-CoV-2 specimens tested, and test positivity rates reported from systematically conducted virologic surveillance

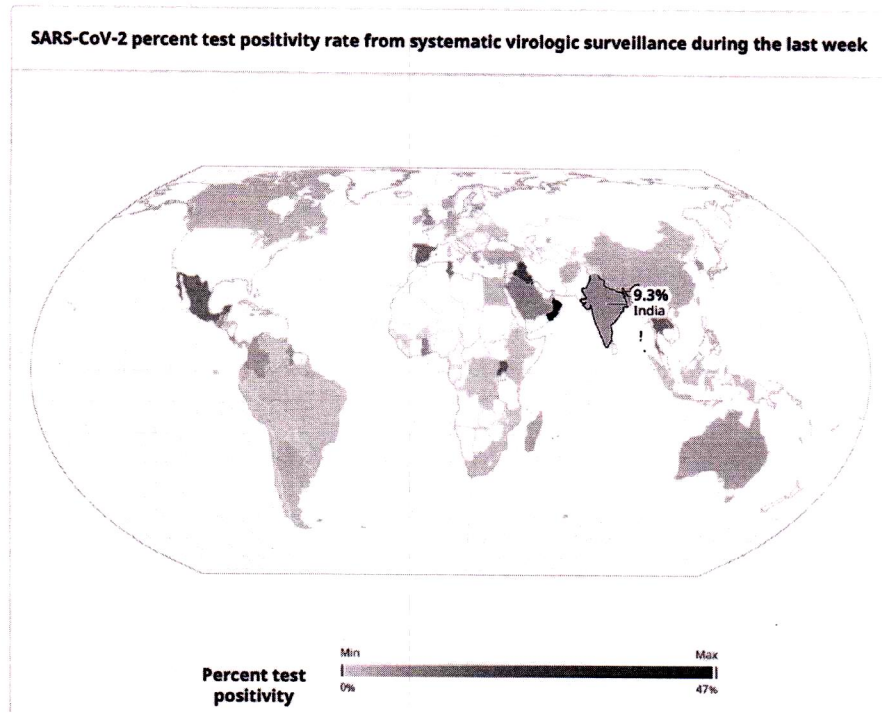
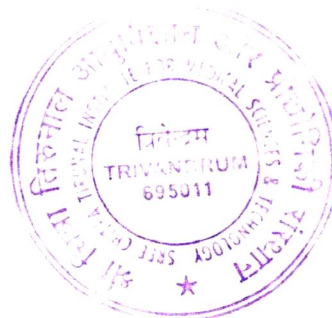


Figure 3

Variant	Variant type	25 May 2025	1 Jun 2025	8 Jun 2025	15 Jun 2025	22 Jun 2025
JN.1	VOI	11.6	14.9	9.27	7.37	9.08
KP.3	VUM	1.35	0.88	0.9	0.86	0.32
KP.3.1.1	VUM	3.43	3.03	2.32	2.86	1.3
LP.8.1	VUM	28.4	21.5	27.3	24.8	19.6
NB.1.8.1	VUM	28.5	24.8	26.8	26.5	25.9
XEC	VUM	6.12	4.27	3.95	4.22	4.21
XFG	VUM	16	26.1	24.3	28.2	35.7

Figure 4



COVID-19 INDIA as on : 11 July 2025, 08:00 IST (GMT+5:30)

S. No.	Name of State / UT	Active Cases		Cured/Discharged/Migrated		Deaths* (Details of causes below)	
		Total	Change since yesterday	Cumulative since 1 st January 2025	Change since yesterday	Cumulative since 1 st January 2025	Death Since yesterday
1	Andhra Pradesh	1		321	0	0	
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0		3	0	0	
3	Assam	18	1 ↑	155	0	0	
4	Bihar	1		139	0	0	
5	Chandigarh	2	1 ↓	15	1 ↑	0	
6	Chhattisgarh	10	3 ↑	216	0	3	
7	Delhi	38	4 ↑	3009	9 ↑	21	
8	Goa	0		29	0	0	
9	Gujarat	60	4 ↓	3591	4 ↑	2	
10	Haryana	24	3 ↓	580	5 ↑	4	
11	Himachal Pradesh	0		4	0	0	
12	Jammu and Kashmir	31	2 ↑	74	0	1	
13	Jharkhand	4		73	1 ↑	1	
14	Karnataka	49	10 ↑	2812	10 ↑	11	
15	Kerala***	142	24 ↓	8418	38 ↑	48	
16	Ladakh	0		5	0	0	

Figure 5

